



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Juneau County



County characteristics

- 767 sq. mi.
- Bisected by I90/94; driftless area south with timbered valleys and farming on tops; flat, glaciated area north dominated by forest with large forested wetlands interspersed; bordered on east by Petenwell Flowage (2nd largest lake in WI) and Castle Rock Flowage (5th largest lake in WI)
- Waters: 15 trout streams; 17 named lakes.
- Rapid growth experienced around both flowages
- There are 24,316 residents living in Juneau County

State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- 10,300 acres of state land including wildlife and fisheries areas, Buckhorn State Park, and state natural areas.
- 48,000 acres in Meadow Valley Wildlife Area, federally owned but managed with State dollars and personnel
- 6,300 acres, plus the Meadow Valley Wildlife Area open to hunting
- 36 stream bank easements open to fishing only.

Locate DNR properties at: http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html



Buckhorn Youth Hunt

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- DNR Service Center supporting Juneau Co.: 473 Griffith Ave. WI Rapids, WI 54494, 2 Conservations Wardens, 2 Wildlife staff, and 2 Fisheries staff, 3 Customer Service staff.
- Friendship Ranger Station: 1 Wildlife Biologist; 1 Fisheries Biologist; 2 Conservation Wardens;
- Sandhill Wildlife Demonstration Area: 2 Wildlife Biologists; 3 Wildlife Technicians
- Some staff also serves Adams, Wood, parts of Monroe and Portage Counties.

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Establish and maintain forest, barrens and grassland habitat for deer, ruffed grouse, turkeys and other wildlife species on public lands
- Provide technical assistance to private landowners wishing to maintain habitat, to include coordination with other private lands programs
- Provide annual input into hunting regulations, including establishment of deer, turkey and bear registration stations
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints, issue deer shooting permits
- Monitor the incidence of wildlife diseases such as CWD and West Nile Virus
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting and access sites, maintain parking areas.

- Monitor local wildlife populations of ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock, deer, frogs, grassland birds, eagles, osprey, whooping cranes
- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functional for fish and wildlife
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.
- Year-round fishing on the Wisconsin River creates an enforcement workload including many cases of undersize fish and over-bagging.
- Heavy deer hunting pressure in Juneau County results in heavy enforcement workload.
- Control exotic and invasive species such as purple loosestrife, leafy spurge, wild parsnip, zebra mussels, and Eurasian milfoil to ensure quality native habitat.
- A hunting fatality on the 1st day of the 2004 gun deer season resulted in extensive investigation by the local warden.
- 8 citations issued for illegal baiting during Oct. archery season; 4 illegal baiting citations during gun hunt
- Several arrests for night hunting involving illegal shining and shooting in 2004
- Local wardens put on school programs for 6th grade students and also participate in Outdoor Field Days sponsored by Outdoors Forever.
- Manage fish population and habitat and water quality in area lakes, rivers, and streams. Protect and enhance high quality trout streams.
- Monitor fish and wildlife populations, brook trout, gamefish, and important non-game species.

Juneau County Conservation Snapshots

1 State boat Launch access
17 ALIS License Agents Supported
12 Deer, Turkey and Bear Registration
Stations

Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- Petenwell, Castle Rock, and Lemonweir River stocked with 10,800 walleyes, 5,000 muskies, and 25,000 Lake Sturgeon.
- 3 streams stocked with 2,000 brown trout.

County Success Stories

- Contains a portion of Meadow Valley Wildlife Area, a federally owned but state managed area providing habitat for forest and wetland wildlife species; heavily used for a variety of recreational uses such as hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing
- Participation in the whooping crane recovery program.
- 3 Trout streams have received intensive habitat improvement.
- Musky populations have been developed through stocking.
- Lake Sturgeon have been restored to Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes.



PETENWELL FLOWAGE

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management